MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: Sir, I wish to raise a question of privilege. It is now only 15 minutes and we have exhausted all the questions. The number of questions answered is so small.

PRESIDENT: Perhaps the number of questions put is also very small. I think I have dealt with all the questions which have been put and by tomorrow all of them will be answered.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: But a very large number of them have not been answered.

PRESIDENT; Perhaps the information in respect of them have not yet been received.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

PRESIDENT: I have received notice of an adjournment motion from Mr. M. Bhaskaran Nair, which reads:

"I beg leave to move that the business of the House be adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, *viz.* the serious situation created by the recrudescence of malaria in the pakuthies of Perumkadavila, Ottasekharamangalam, Kunnathukal, and Vilappil in the Neyyattinkara taluk, and the distress, suffering and alarm consequent upon it".

PRESIDENT: Has the honourable member leave of the House to discuss the motion?

The question that leave be given to discuss the motion was put to vote and declared lost.

PRESIDENT: I have received notice of another adjournment motion from Mr. M. R. Narayana Pillai. It reads :— "I beg leave of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, *viz.* the wrongful acts of and the unsatisfactory methods employed by the Tahsildars and other officers in respect of the collection and distribution of paddy, mixing chaff with paddy, illegally assuming possession of the properties of poor people, committing assault and thereby causing unnecessary grievance and hardship to the general public."

I should like to ask the honourable member whether he has put any specific instance before Government. Has the honourable member put any single case of this kind, of any of this category before any officer of Government till now? I am saying to the honourable members of this House that these are serious charges. I have said that Government would, as soon as they get intimation of such allegations, start a public enquiry. The honourable member may perhaps know that there are at present very many officers dealing with paddy and rice. The moment any complaint about any officer of Government is received, then at once some kind of punitive action is taken which will have its repercussion, but to make a post mortem examination of this kind, is unfair.

SADASYATILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I am able to cite a definite instance. A very respectable person came to me and told me in the presence of a District Judge that such and such a thing took place.

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